

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for allowing claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-11 and 19-21. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 3, 4, 8 and 12-15 have been previously cancelled, No claim have been amended or added. Therefore, claims 1-2, 5-7, 9-11 and 16-21 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection

Claims 7 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 and 16-18 are allowable. As discussed with the Examiner in telephonic conversations, the rejection of claims 7 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. Section 101 is improper under the existing patent laws and PTO policies. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7 and 16-18.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

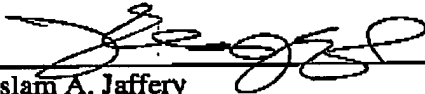
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Respectfully submitted,

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